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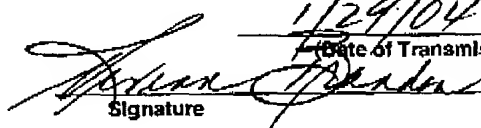
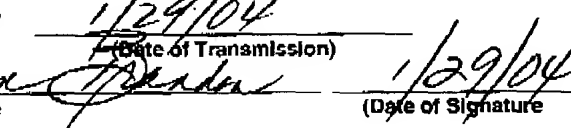
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Sir:

Accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed December 23, 2003, were the Examiner's reasons for allowing claims 9 and 44. These reasons for allowance are in addition to the reasons set out by the Examiner in Paper Number 3 for claims 1-8, 21-23, 25-41, 43 and 56-59. Below are Applicant's comments to the Examiner's reasons for allowing claims 9 and 44. Applicant's

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comments to the Examiner's reasons for allowing claims 1-8, 21-23, 25-41, 43 and 56-59 are set out in Paper Number 4.

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims" (37 CFR §104e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted.

Applicant agrees that claims 9 and 44 are allowable over the prior art of record but does not acquiesce with the Examiner's reasons. In particular, Applicant believes that the Examiner's reasons for allowance do not properly take into account the Applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the claims, specification and Applicant's responses to the Examiner's office actions. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are imprecise and have the potential to place unwarranted interpretations upon the claimed invention.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present patent application, the Examiner can call Applicant's attorney, David Goldman, at telephone number (518)-387-5927 or (518) 387-5903.

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